GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:292
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2005
SETTING UP OF NIOS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has been able to achieve its envisaged objectives;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NIOS recently organised a National Conference on the participation and assistance from State Education Boards and Open Schools;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the decision taken at the Conference;

(e) whether any decision with regard to creation of an awareness about open schooling among the school drop-out children in the country and setting up of more Centres/schools of NIOS in various parts of the country was taken at the Conference;

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(g) the steps NIOS proposes to take in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (G) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 292 FOR ANSWER ON 13.12.2005 ASKED BY SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA AND SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT REGARDING `SETTING UP OF NIOS

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The main objective of the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is to promote school education through Open and distance learning mode for those who cannot attend regular schools. 13.27 lakh students are currently availing of education through NIOS.

(c) (& (d) Yes, Sir. The National Institute of Open Schooling organised a National Conference on Promotion of Open Schooling in collaboration with Council of Boards of Secondary Education on 20.10.2005. Important recommendations of the Conference were regarding promotion and strengthening of Open School system in States, sharing expertise and infrastructure facility in conduct of NIOS public examinations, paying special attention by State Boards to inclusive education, and launching of a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for promotion of Open Schooling in the States.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) & (g) Do not arise.